



STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

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DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the authority of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act.

The Administrator has received an application to renewal and modify underground injection control (UIC) Permit UNEV93216, which has been drafted for public comment, from the following Permittee:

Deerfield Production Company
2561 South 1560 West
Woods Cross, Utah 84087

The Administrator has prepared tentative determinations regarding the permit which, in brief, are:

Deerfield Production Co. (Permittee) has applied to renew UIC permit UNEV93216, which was originally issued in 1993, for the disposal of water produced in conjunction with conventional oil production. The Permittee is requesting three (3) disposal wells; #1-34, #81-35, and #84-35; be authorized under the permit. The disposal wells are located in Sections 34 and 35, T.9N, R.57E, Nye County, Nevada. The injection zones of wells #1-34, #81-35 and #84-35 are the Oligocene Garrett Ranch Volcanic and the Tertiary Sheep Pass formations. The injection zone(s) have been characterized as hydrocarbon-producing zones, and the water chemistry is similar to that of the injectate. Injection pressures will not exceed that allowable by regulation; and the average injection rate is expected to be approximately 500 to 2000 barrels per day per well. The closest wellhead protection zone or municipal water supply well is over twenty miles away from the disposal wells.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes, the Nevada Administrative Code, and the Safe Drinking Water Act, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to renew UIC Permit #UNEV93216 as stated above.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or to request a hearing pursuant to Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request in writing by November 23, 2006 either in person or by mail to:

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All comments or objections received within thirty days of newspaper publication will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty days prior to the hearing date.

The application, draft permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied at the office of the Division of Environmental Protection, or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by calling Birgit Widegren of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9315.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons whom you know would be interested in this matter.

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